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**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 7393/71602

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

GLITTENBERG et al.

Group: 1731

Application No.: 09/884,420

Examiner: Fortuna

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For: STARCH COMPOSITIONS AND THE USE THEREOF  
IN WET-END OF PAPER PREPARATION

June 5, 2002

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this response to the May 20, 2002 requirement for restriction.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A 9. (New) A composition of matter according to claim 2, wherein said anionic demand is less than 100  $\mu\text{eq/l}$ .

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**REMARKS**

Applicants add new claim 9 based on the specification at page 8, line 14, and submit that it should be grouped with claims 1-4.

The May 20, 2002 requirement for restriction designated claims 1-4 (now claims 1-4 and 9) as defining independent and distinct inventions from claims 5-8. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims should be considered in one application, consistent with the MPEP Section 803 objectives. The Examiner will appreciate Applicants have cited prior art and a foreign search report, which shall facilitate the examination. Applicants nonetheless contingently elect claims 1-4 and 9 for examination on the merits, and furthermore prospectively, contingently request rejoinder of all claims upon indication of allowable elected subject matter.